

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Patrick Price, Gale Auch, and Landon Gab and Alderwoman Susan Hargens. Absent: Will Jones.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McGough called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held January 6, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor McGough extended his appreciation to those who stopped by the city's booth at the Farm & Home Show. A live Facebook drawing will be held tomorrow to announce the winner of the utility credit door prize.

OLD BUSINESS

SDML Work Comp Grant: There was a mistake on the original quote from Stan Houston. Brad Wilson, SDML Work Comp has received the corrected quote, and approval has been given to use it for the previously awarded safety equipment grant. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the revised quote of \$5,504.12. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Code of Ordinances – Subdivisions: Alderwoman Hargens, utilities committee chair, read the current code, Chapter 34 – Subdivisions, Article IV. – Improvements, Sec. 34-91. – Developer responsibility, and Sec. 34-94 through Sec, 34-97. Discussion was held to interpret the intent of the code. Given the current verbiage, the council determined that a revision needs to be written to clarify the responsibilities of the developer and the city. The first reading of the revised ordinance will be held at the next regular city council meeting on February 3.

Phase IV Water Storage Improvements: Maguire Iron: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve payment of Pay Application No. 1 from Maguire Iron for the mixers that have been installed in the water tower and ground storage tank for \$45,125.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. **Certificate of Substantial Completion:** The substantial completion for the mixers project was 5 days late. The city has the right to assess the penalty of \$500/day. Terry Manning is okay with Maguire Iron providing some type of service instead of paying the penalty. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Maguire Iron's Certification of Substantial Completion without assessing the late penalty. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2024 Year-end Financials: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter presented the 2024 year-end financials: total taxes received - \$1,502,282.77 (short \$64,217.23 from budget), overall general fund revenues - \$1,788,672.78, overall general fund expenditures - \$1,491,762.23. (Each general fund department stayed within budget.) The 211 fund received \$53,788.58, expended \$53,947.69; the 501 fund received \$52,462.97, expended \$57,772.98, the water fund received \$2,529,698.29, expended \$2,630,533.75, the electric fund ended the year \$39,843.09 in revenues over expenses, and the sewer fund ended the year \$192,262.41 in revenues over expenses. Deuter explained that Phase IV sewer expenses were paid in 2023 and reimbursed in 2024 resulting in the perceived "profit" of over \$100,000. A more accurate reflection of these figures will be demonstrated in the 2024 annual report.

Quoin CDs Mature 1/25/25: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to roll the maturing CDs into a 7-month CD for each fund with Quoin Financial Bank. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Specialists: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve renewal of the independent contractor agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

KBA – Annual Report: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the engagement letter for KBA to help produce the city’s 2024 annual report at their standard billable rate. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Surplus Property to Miller Fire Department: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to surplus the following property to the Miller Fire Department: “SoundOff Signal” siren speaker, LED lightbar, and control panel/module. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Burbach Aquatics: The swimming pool project has been on hold. Mayor McGough has reached out to other cities contracted with BAI in an attempt to gain insight to defray wariness to move forward with BAI. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to progress with this important project by reaching out to Burbach Aquatics, Inc. to engage in conversation and potentially rebuild confidence between the city, the pool committee, and BAI. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Destruction: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve the Memorandum of Destruction of 2019 and 2020 records for accounts payable/receivable, payroll, utility billing, and other miscellaneous records. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fire Department Roster: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the Miller Fire Department Roster for 2025 SDML Worker’s Compensation coverage. Four members voted aye; Alderman Price abstained. Motion carried. Up-to-date rosters as supplies by the fire department will be kept on file in the finance office.

Special Event Liquor Licenses: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the following special event liquor licenses for events at the Miller community center on the respective dates: Willie’s Bar & Grill on 1/29/25 & 2/12/25 and Turtle Creek Saloon on 2/14/25. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the bills for payment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills January 2025 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	216.36
American Solutions	Supplies	55.51
Blevior	Arrangement - Memorial	100.00
Butler Machinery	Repairs-Generator	1,017.59
CNH	Supplies	22.90
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	1,500.00
Collegiate Concepts	Supplies	273.23
Cook Implement	Supplies	190.00
Dakota Energy	On-Call Service	910.00
Cindy Deuter	Reimb.	28.00
Frontier Precision	Subscript.	1,650.00
Brandon Hammill	Reimb.	128.66
Hand County Pub.	Subscript.	60.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	22,964.96
IDI	Prof Fees	21.25
Kessler's	Supplies	44.81
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	2,185.00
Maguire Iron	Ph.lv - Mixers	45,125.00
Terry Manning	Reimb.	28.00
Miller C&C	Membership	350.00
Dave Nelson	Solar Sellback	71.88
New Resources Group	Supplies	272.00
OHED	Industry	6,000.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	416.17
Runnings	Supplies	221.12
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	7,545.63
SD MEA	Membership	1,629.00
Servall	Service	114.95
SD 811	Locates	61.60
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies	741.25
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	700.00
Visa	Water/Supplies	24,743.97
WAPA	Power	61,359.64
Wesco	Supplies	552.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$197,703.48</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by

Department:		01/16/2025		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
	FINANCE			
41402	OFFICE	3,257.68	48.73	3,306.41
42101	POLICE	14,720.76	1,093.70	15,814.46
43101	STREET	9,139.92	81.87	9,221.79
43201	SEWER	5,987.28	43.24	6,030.52
43305	WATER	5,987.23	43.24	6,030.47
43403	ELECTRIC	13,854.13	15.00	13,869.13
		<u>\$52,947.00</u>	<u>\$1,325.78</u>	<u>\$54,272.78</u>